

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF BURT  
ADERHOLT, HERO OF THE WAR  
IN AFGHANISTAN

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Burt Aderholt, a hero of our first war on terrorism in Afghanistan. Sergeant Aderholt of Auburn, AL, was wounded on January 16, 2003, during an attack on a patrol in western Afghanistan. His unit came under small-arms fire 23 miles southeast of the town of Shindand, and Sergeant Aderholt had to be evacuated to Germany and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital. He has undergone a number of surgeries.

Sergeant Aderholt was born in Jacksonville, AL, where his paternal grandparents still live. His family moved to Auburn when he was 13 years old so that his father could take a teaching position at Auburn University. His maternal grandparents (the Burts) also live in Auburn.

Sergeant Aderholt's military career did not begin with the Army. Following graduation from high school, he joined the Navy and eventually began training as a Navy Seal. He was unable to complete the final round of training and returned home. Sergeant Aderholt then joined the Alabama National Guard and again moved into one of the most rigorous specialties when he joined the 20th Special Forces Unit. He has always pushed himself in the service to excel. His desire to serve his country in the armed forces is shared by his sister, Katy, who is now overseas with the Army.

I salute Staff Sergeant Burt Aderholt and individuals like him who are serving their country by fighting for freedom overseas.

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE  
RISKS OF HEART DISEASE FOR  
WOMEN

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a major health problem facing American women—heart disease.

Heart disease, is the number one killer of women in the United States, killing more than 250,000 women a year. This is 10 times as many women as those who die from breast cancer.

Heart attacks in women can often lead to other significant health problems like heart failure, stroke, and sudden cardiac death.

Poor eating habits, lack of exercise, high cholesterol and smoking are just a few of the risk factors that cause heart disease.

It is important that all women get screened and take the necessary steps to prevent this deadly disease.

We must work to encourage women in our districts to see their doctor regularly and learn healthy habits that may save them from heart disease.

HONORING LEO TOCA

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Leo Toca, a highly respected and influential Vice President of JP Morgan Chase. Today he is honored by Molloy College at its annual St. Martin de Porres Minority Scholarship Dinner Dance, for being a strong community leader. As the Community Relations Program Manager for JP Morgan Chase Leo manages programs such as the Community Advisory Board, Baseball Is for Kids and In-Kind Donation Program.

Leo has initiated many programs to improve the way of life in communities. He, along with other organizations, started the first childcare load program to help home-based childcare providers. Also, he was the first loan officer at Chase to cater to under-served communities while determining which mortgage producers were best for these communities.

In his free time, Leo maintains his community activism in a wide variety of organizations. These include the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Long Island Housing Partnership, and the Urban League.

I congratulate Leo on receiving this honor and applaud him for his dedication to our community. I thank him on behalf of the people of not only the 4th Congressional District but the rest of Nassau and Suffolk County who benefited from his hard work and commitment.

GREG AND DIANNE FRITZ

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greg and Dianne Fritz on the occasion of receiving Mariposa County's Businessman and Businesswoman of the Year Award. The Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce will honor Dianne and Greg on April 11, 2003 at the Best Western—Yosemite Way Station in Mariposa, California.

The Fritz Family moved to Mariposa in November of 1994 from Sacramento, California. Greg was Vice President of a Fortune 500 Construction Company and Dianne managed a Carl's Jr. Restaurant. Greg and Dianne have always been best friends, and their mutual success and friendship led them to open their

own business. They stopped at the real estate office in Mariposa and found the Happy Burger restaurant was for sale. After eating there, they purchased the restaurant and opened the doors under their new ownership on January 3, 1995. After seeking input from their customers, they began revising and expanding their menu which is now said to be one of the largest menus in the Sierras.

Dianne has been re-elected as the 2003 President of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. She is involved in the Clean & Proud Mariposa Committee, Mariposa Airport Steering Committee, and is working with the Board of Supervisors on the Mariposa Town Advisory Task Force. Greg is active on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and is also involved with Business Owners of Mariposa. They support several church and civic fundraisers, sponsor youth sports programs, and donate to area schools.

Greg and Dianne are planning to expand the menu and have recently changed their name to the Happy Burger Diner. They often hire youth so that they can experience real work ethics which will help to prepare them for their futures. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz work extremely hard, putting in a minimum of sixteen hours a day, to make their business a success.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Greg and Dianne Fritz for their outstanding dedication and devotion to their business and their community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Greg and Dianne many years of success.

CONGRATULATING MRS. PEGGY  
SAVAGE DUNN

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peggy Savage Dunn on being named the 2003 Michigan Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Science Teachers' Association. Her commitment to instilling a passion for learning in her students serves as an example for all teachers to follow.

One of Mrs. Dunn's greatest achievements was the design and creation of an outdoor classroom at Central Elementary School in Okemos, Michigan. The project took three years to implement and involved securing multiple grants and community support. The outdoor classroom is a garden area filled with various flowers and plants that serves as habitat for several animal and insect species. All students and educators at the school have the opportunity to use the outdoor classroom to enhance their studies. It was recently distinguished with the title of a "schoolyard habitat" by the National Wildlife Foundation.

Mrs. Dunn is also committed to furthering the use of technology among her pupils. She

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